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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) No, Sir.
" (*b*) Does not arise."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to state at what stage the attempts to open the Mills concerned stand now? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, the concern has been purchased by some people and steps have been taken to open the mill. I do expect that it will be opened very shortly."

Sea erosion in Tellicherry

* 755 *Q.*—SRI P. KUNHIRAMA KIDAV : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government received any memorandum from the Tellicherry Municipality in 1953 requesting the Government to adopt protective measures to prevent sea erosion on the Malabar Coast; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) No, but the Government have received a request from the Municipality for particulars regarding the nature of maintenance work to be done to the protective wall already constructed on the sea coast of Tellicherry, to see whether it can shoulder the responsibility of its maintenance.
" (*b*) The matter is under consideration."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Since the consideration is likely to be protracted and the sea is impatient, may I request 'immediate consideration' being given to this matter, instead of leaving it 'under consideration' as usual? " (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I am afraid the hon. Member does not understand the position. Things have to move only after investigation. We cannot be hasty in doing things. It may end up in wholesale loss."

SRI M. PALANIYANDI :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, நமது மாகாணத்தில் இப்பொழுது கடலரிப்பு அதிகமாகிக்கொண்டிருக்கிறது. அதைப்பற்றி பேபரில் பார்த்தும் வருகிறோம். உதாரணமாக சேதுபதியில் கூட கடலரிப்பு ஏற்பட்டிருப்பதாகப் பார்த்தோம். இவைகளைத் தவிர்ப்பதற்காக ஏதாவது நடவடிக்கை எடுட்பார்களா ? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have no objection if the Hon. Minister is prepared to answer."

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" It has no bearing on the main question, Sir. There is no question of protective wall being constructed there. I cannot answer that question."

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SRI P. KUNHIRAMA KIDAV :—" May I know whether this Government is getting any grant from the Central Government to take protective measures to prevent sea erosion? "

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" There is no grant from the Central Government, Sir."

SRI T. ANANTA PAI :—" Sir, since the problem is affecting all along the West Coast, will the Government make a request to the Central Government to appoint an Expert Committee to go into the whole question and suggest remedies? "

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I shall have that suggestion considered."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Sir, the methods for protection tried in Tellicherry have proved successful. All that is required is its extension to important Government buildings like the district Court, etc. May I suggest that it will not end in failure as it has been found successful already? "

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" It is not so much the fear of failure that is causing the delay. It is a question of the Municipality bearing a portion of the expenses. The whole matter is delayed over that and the Municipality is not affluent enough to bear the expenditure and correspondence is dragging on about the Municipality bearing a share of the cost. Of course, it will naturally be expedited."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" As I feel, Sir, that sea erosion cannot be stopped by any endeavour of man, may I suggest that a joint assembly of this House and the Upper House sit together and fast and pray for twenty-four hours? "

State Harijan Welfare Committee

* 756 *Q*.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) the main recommendations of the State Harijan Welfare Committee made at their meeting held recently; and

(*b*) whether the Government have accepted any of them?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) A copy[a] of the proceedings of the last meeting of the State Harijan Welfare Committee held on 4th October 1954 is placed on the table of the House.

" (*b*) The resolutions are under examination."

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[a] **Printed as Appendix I on pages 721-725 infra.**